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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

This Amendment is responsive to the final Office Action mailed on October 10, 2006, and includes the following sections:

- Amendments and Listing of Claims, beginning on page 2; and
- Remarks, beginning on page 9.

No fee is believed to be necessary. Should any fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 06-0029 and notify us of the same.